

TELEGRAPHIC.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 20, '97.
Baron Clovis, a Crimean veteran, is dead.
Sir Francis Lockwood, British M. P., is dead.

A political crisis is said to exist in Japan.
The Russian fleet is in occupation of Port Arthur, China.

Alphonse Daudet, an eminent French author, is dead.

Canadian bank clearings show a large increase in business.

The treaty of peace has been ratified by Greece and Turkey.

Eight French deputies are on trial for the Panama canal frauds.

The losses caused by fire at Melbourne aggregate \$7,000,000.

Cuban insurgents murdered a Spanish peace commissioner.

An Episcopal minister was arrested for shoplifting in Toronto.

Lovers George Clarke, Mrs. Stowe's "George Harris," is dead.

Ottawa is agitating for civil ownership of electric and gas lighting.

Great Britain may invite international conference on sugar bounties.

Newfoundland bank directors were acquitted of charges of fraud.

The American federation of labor will aid the British striking engineers.

Regina is agitating for the opening of the Prince Albert route to Yukon.

The Salt St. Marie canal traffic for '97 shows a decrease from last year.

William Ferris, a well known English actor, was stabbed by an assassin.

A bill to reform the currency was introduced in the United States congress.

Sir Richard Cartwright denies press reports regarding fast line not going on.

The Dominion coal company will not shut down Victoria, N. S., collieries as reported.

Three persons are supposed to have perished in a destructive fire at Grand Forks.

The United States house of representatives passed a bill prohibiting pelagic sealing.

The correspondence between Ottawa and Washington on the sealing question is published.

Canada and the United States have agreed as to bonding regulations in Alaska and Yukon.

Thirteen of the Cleveland's crew was found by the government steamer Quadra off Vancouver Island.

The United States government have a commissioner at Ottawa to confer with the Dominion on Yukon matters.

The United States senate voted \$200,000 for relief of Yukon miners at Dawson. A train of 1,000 reindeer is to be sent out with supplies of food.

LOCAL.

CHRISTMAS ON SATURDAY.
WHEAT 60c, oats 24c to 26c.

TRAIN two hours late at Red Deer.
PUBLIC school holidays commence on Friday next.

PARLIAMENT is called for the despatch of business on January 24th.

COL. O'BRIEN'S Yukon party arrived on Monday's train. They will start north sometime in January.

AN entertainment and tea meeting will be given in the Belmont school house on Thursday the 23rd, inst. at 8 o'clock, in aid of the Sunday school.

NO business was transacted at the farmers meeting on Saturday last. But several of the farmers expressed their intention of shipping their wheat themselves.

W. TOOLE, C. P. R. land agent at Calgary, was in town last week. Mr. Toole reports that payments on C. P. R. lands are better than ever before in this district.

A CHRISTMAS tree in connection with the Union Sunday school will be held in the old Colonization buildings at Clover Bar on the evening of Thursday, the 23rd inst. Admission 25c.

EIGHT families of Galicians, representing all thirty nine souls, came in on last train and will settle at Rabbit Hill. Six families have between them \$1,500, the others are less fortunate financially.

MR. MERRICK, of Merrick & Anderson, Winnipeg, visited Edmonton last week. Mr. Merrick is very much interested in the Edmonton route to the Yukon, and has no doubt that the business men of Winnipeg will strongly support it.

THE annual Presbyterian Sunday school entertainment will be held on the afternoon of Friday, Dec. 24th at Robertson Hall. Entertainment will begin about 2 o'clock, and the ladies interested in the Sunday school are requested to provide refreshments for the occasion and send them to the hall early in the afternoon.

A LETTER from T. W. Chalmers, D. L. S., dated December 12th, states that he is their starting ahead of the road cutting party, to go on to Slave lake. All the members of the Los Angeles party who are outfitted with flat sleighs will follow cutting their own way. Mr. Chalmers thinks they will be able to travel right along. He expects to have the road out through Lesser Slave lake twelve feet wide by February 1st.

THRESHING is over for the season on the old Papachase reserve, south side, and the following figures of the grain returns have been given in by August Schatz, who did the largest portion of the work: Wheat, 23,640 bushels; oats, 26,823 bushels, and barley, 8,491 bushels. Mr. Schatz estimates that fully 10,000 bushels were threshed by other machines, making in all 68,956 bushels threshed from the crop of this one locality.

C. M. WOODWORTH, barrister of Sloan City, B. C., and formerly of Edmonton, returned on Thursday's train on a business visit. Mr. Woodworth has decided to go to the Yukon first thing in the spring. A great deal of interest is manifested in the Yukon discoveries by the prospectors and miners of the Kootenay and a large number will go north in the spring. Many are disposed towards the Edmonton route. The mines are still turning out well, but the boom of last spring has flattened out considerably. The railway from Sloan City to the southern end of Sloan lake to the Nelson-Robson line was completed recently and by using railway barges on Sloan lake cars can be sent through from Edmonton to Nelson or Robson without unloading. Mr. Woodworth is looking well and British Columbia has evidently agreed with him.

THE Herald reports that numerous in the vicinity of Battleford.

A MR. RAMSEY, of Regina, has been engaged as teacher of the Glover Bar school.

THE widow of the late Bishop McLean, of Saskatchewan, died recently at West Prince Albert.

THE city carriage works have turned out 100 flat sleighs in order and have orders for a large number more.

A HOCKEY match between the Shamrocks and Thistles, senior teams, will be held on the rink here on Christmas afternoon.

DR. BENNETT, of Chicago, recently telegraphed asking for figures for outfitting a party of 60 from that city for the Yukon.

DUCKS in December. A wild duck was seen flying around Mr. Desjarlais' place at Eagle Hills on Friday, December 2.—Battleford Herald.

A SPECIAL train came to Red Deer on Friday and another came to Edmonton on Saturday, bringing empty cars to be loaded with produce.

CHAS. WANSLEY, one of Chalmers road cutting party returned from the work on Friday. He had become unfitted for work by an accident.

A MASQUERADE carnival will be held at the Thistle rink on Tuesday evening, the 28th. Prizes will be given for the best lady's and gentlemen's costume.

M. McCARTLEY, F. Fraser Tims and D. Maloney, M. L. A's, returned from Regina on Thursday, the session of the Northwest assembly having closed on Wednesday.

At a banquet given by Lieutenant-Governor Mackintosh at Regina on Dec. 8th his honor stated that the newspaper reports of his early retirement from the office of lieutenant-governor of the Territories was correct.

A LETTER was received last mail from D. E. Noyes, now of Chicago, by F. Goode, of the Jasper house, in which he said that he expected to be back in a short time with a large party for the Yukon. There was nothing of the relief party which it was said Mr. Noyes was organizing.

BLACK & WHITE, a leading illustrated weekly, of London, Eng., had excellent reproductions of Mather's photos showing Mrs. Garner, of the Fresno party starting for the Yukon, and flat boats leaving Athabasca Landing on the Mackenzie route.

H. F. GREENWOOD, of Edmonton, sent the photos.

THE Alberta Souvenir Album, published by Thomson Bros., stationers, of Calgary, is an excellent Xmas souvenir to send to your friends. It contains 40 views of Alberta, consisting of ranch, cowboy and farming scenes, Indian photos, and local views of Edmonton, Calgary, McLeod, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat. It is for sale in Edmonton by W. T. Henry & Co.

INSPT. ROUTLEDGE left on Thursday last for Athabasca Landing, Grand Rapids, McMurtry, Chipewyan, Fort Smith, Resolution, Providence and Simpson on the Mackenzie. He will see the several Yukon bound parties on the way, and takes out a letter mail with him. He will also bring back a mail with him on his return. Fort Simpson is something over 1,000 miles distant from Edmonton. Staff-Sergeant Hetherington, who accompanied Insp. Jarvis on his trip to Resolution last winter, accompanies Insp. Routledge.

THE Miller train from Chicago are taking a sleigh with low runners and the boards of the bottom under instead of over the benches as is usual. This pattern of sleigh is used in the woods in Quebec. The principle is that if a track is made the sleigh is on runners like an ordinary sleigh. If there is no track it practically becomes a flat sleigh, but if a track exists is much easier to draw. It will pass over timber as well as a flat sleigh. The runners are shod with iron so that it will wear well. They cost \$10 each and are built at the city carriage works.

ON Friday the case of the crown vs. Frank M. Gray came up for preliminary hearing on a disjunctum, before G. W. Caird, J. P. The evidence of J. W. Shera was taken at the hotel, he still being unable to attend court. Mr. Shera did not identify Gray as the man who shot the shooting and he was discharged. N. D. Beck acted for the crown and W. H. Short for the prisoner. Under the instructions of the crown prosecutor Grey was again arrested on Saturday on a differently worded charge to appear before Insp. Primrose at 9 o'clock this morning.

SLAVE LAKE TRAIL.

Insp. Snyder who left on Saturday December 11th, for Lesser Slave lake reached the camp of Chalmers road cutting party at noon on Wednesday the 15th. A police team took his outfit to that point and returned. The teamster reports that they camped on Monday night eight miles south of Lac La Nonne, on Tuesday evening they crossed the Athabasca and on Wednesday they reached the end of the road then cut, about 22 miles beyond the Athabasca. The teamster returned to the Athabasca Wednesday evening, camped at Lac La Nonne on Thursday night and reached Edmonton on Friday night. The road from Pembina river to the Athabasca is cut out and is fairly good, but it is narrow and crooked.

ON the south side of the Athabasca the hill is good, but on the north side the hills out of the river and out of the valley as well as very steep. The country beyond the Athabasca valley rises gently for several miles and is covered generally with large timber. The country is not rough. The snow was about 9 inches deep. The main camp of the Los Angeles party was at a large slough a short distance beyond the Athabasca where the horses got good feed. The horses looked well. There were other small swamps beyond at which the horses could get feed.

THE party were moving camp to one of there about ten miles beyond the Athabasca. A number of the men of the Los Angeles party were pushing ahead with Mr. Chalmers to cut through to Slave lake with the flat sleighs as quickly as possible. The party had lost two horses out of about 120. One died of some sickness and the other was killed accidentally by being skated.

WHEAT MARKETS, Dec. 14.

Duluth, 92c.
Minneapolis, 90 1/2c.
Chicago, 105c to 99 1/2c.
New York, 97 1/2c.

BUY IN EDMONTON.

Dec. 16, '97.

I am sorry that we did not leave most of our buying for this place, for with a few exceptions we could do better and save money by doing so; and as treasurer and manager of the company I can speak with more authority. We have paid out nearly \$9,000 for our outfit, etc., to date.

J. E. BROWN, M. D.,
Moray party.

SCHOOL MEETING.

At a meeting of the public school board held on Dec. 14th. K. W. Mackenzie, G. J. Welbourn and Miss Rogers were re-elected as teachers. Misses Osborne and McMaster were engaged for the two other departments.

James Jones was appointed caretaker at \$20 a month. Other tenders were P. Umbach, \$21, and R. Wylie, \$27.

A Brown's tender for wood at \$2.50 a cord was accepted.

Tenders for coal will be received up to Dec. 27th.

Freight for Slave Lake.

D. C. Robertson has taken a contract from the Hudson's Bay Company of delivering 10,000 pounds of freight at Lesser Slave lake this winter. He is having ten single sleighs specially made for the trip.

They are on the principle of an ordinary jumper except that the runners are very wide and flat, so that they will not cut deeply into the snow. He will start this week or next and will haul baled hay and oats along to feed his horses on. He will take the Fort Assiniboine trail, in the hope that by the time he reaches the road cutting party they will be far enough on so that he can get through.

DEATHS.

PLUMLEY—At Edmonton on Sunday the 19th inst. Mrs. Ann Plumley aged 50 years. The funeral takes place on Tuesday at 2 o'clock.

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Dated the 10th day of December, 1897.

A. FERROUX,
Solicitor for the Applicants.

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Entertainment!

An Entertainment and Tea-Meeting will be given in the Belmont School House on Thursday, the 23rd inst. at 8 o'clock in aid of the Sunday School. The ladies of the district are kindly requested to bring baskets. Adult admittance 25c.

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NOTICE!

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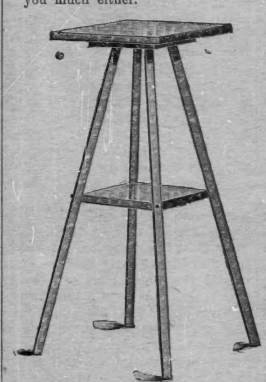
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There are so many things we could tell you about had we time, but would say in conclusion there is a great deal of "lasting" satisfaction in giving a piece of Furniture or a Musical Instrument from our warehouses.

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EDMONTON BULLETIN, DECEMBER 20th, 1897

STICKEEN, OR MACKENZIE?

As to the merits of the Stickeen as compared with the Mackenzie route to the Yukon, a letter recently appearing in the St. Louis Chronicle says that a party of five were from Aug. 29th to October 14th in reaching Glenora, the proposed starting point for the railway to Teslin lake, from Wrangell in a boat 28 feet long by 7 feet beam carrying three tons of cargo, although the party had a horse to help tow the boat where practicable. The ordinary trip with a canoe carrying a ton and a half and a crew of five to seven men takes from 10 to 14 days for the 150 miles. The letter gives a graphic description of the difficulties of the river, which is to be the connection, up stream, across United States territory, between ocean navigation and the 150 miles of railway that the country is expected to pay for and present to the C. P. R. At the northern end the railway will touch Lake Teslin, which connects with the Lewes by the Hootalinqua river. Of this river Mr. Ogilvie in his recent lecture in Victoria says: "This river is marked on the map as being the Teslin, which is the Indian name for a fish which is caught in the lake. The Hootalinqua river is about 125 miles long—or a total distance from Victoria to Dawson city by way of the Stickeen, Teslin and Hootalinqua route of 1,600 miles. At two points, one near the head of the river and one quite a distance below, there are obstacles in the way of steamboat navigation at certain times of the year, during certain stages of the river. A few miles below the river broadens out into innumerable channels, until at last, at the lower end it widens to two and a half miles. If one of these channels were deepened out a sufficient depth of water could be obtained to allow of a free passage for steamers drawing three or four feet without difficulty."

The naked facts regarding this route are:

1. That it connects with the ocean in United States Territory.
2. That its first stage is about 150 miles of very difficult up stream navigation, upon which the season of sufficiently high water ends in September.
3. That the alleged pack trail of 150 miles to Teslin lake has already cost \$12,000 in cash, and it is estimated that a further expenditure of \$30,000 is necessary to make it suitable for heavy travel next summer.
4. That the proposed railway cannot be completed before the close of navigation on the Stickeen next season.
5. That the work of construction of the railway will effectually block travel in any case.
6. That Teslin lake does not open until June, at earliest, so that the possible season of through steam communication is only from some time in June until some time in September, or from three to three and a half months.
7. That the Hootalinqua river is not navigable for steamers at any time of year, and can only be made so at great and continuous expense for dredging.
8. That it is being boomed distinctly and solely for the purpose of defrauding the commercial interests of Eastern Canada generally out of their fair share of the business of the Yukon, which they could and should secure with a very much less public expenditure on the Mackenzie and overland routes.

1. On the Mackenzie route barges loaded at Athabasca Landing can be taken to within 35 miles of steamboat navigation on the Yukon, either by the current taking them down stream, or aided by steam tugs, in from 20 to 30 days.

2. The thirty-five miles through the McDougall pass is now practicable for moderately sized boats or for pack horses, and could easily be made practicable for wagons, as per report of W. Ogilvie, D. L. S.; or is suitable for a railway.

3. From the western end of McDougall pass no impediment to steamboat navigation exists to Dawson and Fort Selkirk.

These are ascertained and established facts. If public money is to be

spent in opening up trade routes to the Yukon, the arrangement should be such that the smallest expenditure should produce the largest result to the greatest number of the people. What is wanted on the Mackenzie route at the present time is a wagon road, or still better a light railway, 35 miles long, across the McDougall pass. A tramway at Grand rapids and three others at the Fort Smith rapids from 150 to 900 yards in length each, provided with trucks so that barges could be run right on and taken across the portages. This with the steamers now being put on by the Alaska Mining & Trading Company, and possibly another company as well, would make the Mackenzie far and away the cheapest freight route into the Yukon and besides would give Canadian dealers a monopoly of the trade, which surely should be the object of spending Canadian money. If the government cannot be induced to construct tramways they should at least buoy the channels at the several rapids, and particularly the head of the delta of the Athabasca and the inlet and outlet of lake Athabasca, where several parties went astray last summer.

In a state of nature the Mackenzie route is by far the cheapest freight route into the Yukon, as is proven by the fact of its being the first trade route there, and being still in use. A less capital employed in steamboats and connections will give greater results in cheapening freight than on any other route.

A less government expenditure will give better result, on this than any other route, and will bring larger results to the Canadian people generally. Then why is this route ignored in favor of one not so advantageous in any way?

THAT REDUCTION.

A short time ago the BULLETIN announced that the C. P. R. had reduced the wheat rate from Fort William to Montreal from 28c to 20c per hundred. This looked like a very substantial reduction and was stated to be such by the organs of the C. P. R. It now appears that it was merely a reduction on paper, for the reason that practically no wheat goes forward in winter, the summer freight rate to Buffalo being only 2c a bushel, as against the present rate of 12c a bushel to Montreal. As it does not cost anything like 10c a bushel to hold the wheat over at Fort William it will still continue to be held at the 20c rate as well as at the 28c rate. There is the off chance of a sudden rise in the European market which would make it worth while to ship at once rather than hold over. In this case the benefit of the reduction would be felt, not otherwise. Dealing with this question the Winnipeg Tribune says:

"If the C. P. R. had desired to make a reduction which would prove of value to the west, why did it not make a cut on the wheat rate between Manitoba and Fort William, which, at 17½ cents a hundred pounds is altogether too high, and absurdly out of proportion to the rate of 20 cents a hundred-weight for 1,500 miles, while the distance from Winnipeg to Fort William is less than 500 miles, and for this 17½ cents are charged. Is the deduction not as clear as noonday? Between Fort William and the east there is competition, and the rate is 20 cents a hundred-weight for 1,500 miles; between Manitoba and Fort William there is no competition, and the rate is 17½ cents a hundred for 500 miles. If this does not furnish a sweeping argument in favor of Mr. Greenway's proposed railway to Duluth, we would like to know what it does furnish."

SEVERAL Manitoba papers have attacked Hon. Mr. Sifton for an alleged lack of courtesy to the public during his return from his recent visit to the coast. He is accused of rooming at private houses where he would be inaccessible to the public; of ignoring the desire of individuals and delegations to meet him on public business; and generally of considering himself superior to the common herd. It will be generally conceded that the BULLETIN is not the honorable gentleman's chief apologist. At the same time it is only fair to him to say that while passing through Alberta, he roomed only at hotels, both in Calgary and Edmonton, he was courteous to everyone and approachable at all times. He did not even indulge in that very common ministerial luxury a private car. He visited Edmonton under difficulties which a cabinet minister could scarcely have been expected to face, with apparent cheer-

fulness, and a desire to fulfil to the limit the duties of his position as became a minister of the crown under popular government.

WINNIPEG TRIBUNE: "Mr. Shaughnessy, of the C. P. R., was present at the meeting of the cabinet sub-committee appointed to consider Yukon matters. So long as his presence does not indicate government bouding, no one will object to the ministry seeking advice even from the C. P. R."

Mr. Shaughnessy would not be placing his advice at the disposal of the government were it not with an eye to future bonuses. There is no objection to the government seeking advice from the C. P. R. provided advice from other interests is not excluded. There is a danger of the government making the mistake of supposing that the C. P. R. is the only interest in Western Canada to be considered or consulted.

GLEN CAMPBELL COMING.

Winnipeg Tribune: It is stated that Mr. Glenlyon Campbell is organizing a party to go to the Klondike early next year, leaving about the beginning of February and going by way of Edmonton and Peace river. Mr. Walter Scott, Mr. Campbell's partner, is now out securing dogs and making other arrangements. The late Mr. Robert Campbell, of Elphinstone, father of Mr. Glenlyon Campbell, was one of the first white men to visit the now much talked of Klondike. During his travels there in the early days he discovered gold, but paid very little attention to it, the district being so very far away from settlement. It is stated, however, that he left a chart of the scene of his discovery, by the aid of which Mr. Glen Campbell hopes to be enabled to locate a profitable claim.

YUKON STARVATION.

The Victoria Times of Dec. 15th states that the steamer Topeka, just arrived from Juneau, reported the arrival at that point of an Indian mail carrier named Auk, who reported that 1,000 men were strung along the river from Dawson to Chilkoot trying to escape from what otherwise was certain death by starvation. A letter which he brings out says that when the government officials posted their notice that there would be a shortage of provisions, a large number of miners started down to Ft. Yukon, where several supply steamers were hung up. A very large number of others cast lots to see who should try to make the trip out and who should stay. At the time the letter was written flour was worth from \$75 to \$100 for a 50 pound sack, beans \$1.50 a pound, candles \$1.50 each, fresh fish \$1.25 a pound, and very scarce.

FORT ST. JOHN.

Dr. Lafferty, of Calgary, has received a letter from his son, Frank D. Lafferty, dated from Ft. St. John, Peace river, about November 8th. The party were at Spirit river ranch, 15 miles south of Dunvegan, Peace river, on October 12th. Speaking of the country there Mr. Lafferty says: "The Peace river valley is worthy of every good thing that can be said of it. At Dunvegan they grow as large cauliflowers and cabbages as at Calgary. The weather has been delightful. The first snow fell on October 12th. From Spirit river the party took a shorter trail than those mostly used on either side of the Peace river, and thereby saved going through a lot of muskeg which is on the trails on both sides of river. The letter continues: 'We arrived at Ft. St. John on November 1st. We were delayed some days looking for our guide, who in looking for our horses lost himself. He was a white man named Wilson. Hardisty arrived here from Lesser Slave lake on November 6th with 32 dogs, and we expect to be here a few days yet, outfitting with snow shoes, flat sleighs, buckskin clothing, furs, etc. We are getting some pemmican made. The Indians and Halfbreeds here tell us that up from St. John on the east side of the mountains to the Liard river, there is a good deal of muskeg, and beyond Pine river a good deal of brush. While on the west side we infer there must be good feed, as the Beaver and Chinook Indians say there is a herd of buffalo over there, and that they have driven them over to the east side, but they always found their way back. We are taking with us a guide, a hunter and a dog driver, bringing our party up to 9. Our real work begins from here. The cold weather has set in. We found an Indian who knows the trail up the Pine river and west to the mountains, to a low pass where he says a gun shot can be heard from one side of the mountains to the other. This Indian had travelled away west and came to a lot of white men's houses. This we conclude is Ft. Graham. He says the country between here and there is mostly prairie. We expect to reach Ft. Graham from here in one month, and intend to cache on the west side of the pass what provisions we cannot take with us and return for them if we need them."

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The Bulletin...

During the next six months will make a specialty of securing and publishing information regarding the Yukon and the way to get there. Reports will be received from the several exploring parties sent out by the Canadian Government. Also from Prospectors now on the way by the several routes. These will be published promptly.

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Furs Furs Furs

Jos. Ullman & Co., of St. Paul, have recommended fur buying for the coming season at their old stand.

THOS. HOURSTON,
Representative.

BEAVER LAKE EAST.

An extraordinary accident is reported from the west side of the lake. It seems that a young Norwegian, son-in-law of James Pruden who went to the Peace river district last August, drove a band of cattle out on the ice to water them. As soon as he had cut it, the cattle crowded around it, and the ice being thin broke under them, leaving the whole band—upwards of thirty—struggling in the water, which was about four feet deep. The large steers and a few strong cows managed to get out, but over twenty head were drowned. It is said that most of them might have been saved by cutting a channel from the hole towards the shore, which would not have taken many minutes, but the young man was so rattled that he didn't know what to do. The cattle were owned by various parties.

John J. Fergusson still holds service here every fortnight, the new missionary having either backed out or gone astray somewhere. It would appear that out-of-the-way places like this are not hankered for by many missionaries of the present day. They prefer some spot where the ozone isn't quite so fresh in winter, and mosquitoes less numerous in summer; also where more of the filthy lucre is to be got. Well, such paltrous do very little good in a community anyway, so the loss is not serious.

Dec. 8, '97.

LACOMBE LINKS.

Mrs. Geo. McKovar left on Tuesday for a few weeks visit to friends in Chilliwack Valley, B. C.

Mrs. G. W. Brown left on the same train to visit relatives and friends in Ontario.

W. F. Puffer starts Friday next on a visit to his parents and other relatives and friends in Michigan. Wm. Gilmore his brother-in-law will take charge of his business while he is absent.

Frank Mobley and D. G. Stewart took the train Tuesday for British Columbia. They intend going to the Klondike in the spring. Mrs. Mobley and their little boy accompanied them part of the way, but is going to visit friends across the line before starting for the far north to meet her husband next summer.

G. I. Clink's threshing outfit has gone up to Hobbema Indian reserve for a few weeks.

Dr. Goodwin, of Edmonton, is in town again for a few days attending to the wants of those who require anything in the dental line.

Miss Gertrude Reynolds, who has been confined to the house for some days, we are pleased to see is around again.

C. T. Daykin has built a neat little barn on the lot he occupies and has also put a tight board fence around the lot.

E. J. Reavie is building a good sized addition to his cottage.

Mr. Maxfield is building a stable 30 x 60 on his lot.

The Methodist Sunday school have a Christmas tree and entertainment on Christmas eve.

The Presbyterian Sunday school also have an entertainment and Xmas tree on Tuesday evening, Jan. 4th.

Fletcher Bredin, who has just returned from the north, is here buying stock to take to Buck Lake on a trading expedition.

The C. & E. Railroad Co., are building new corrals here. Further evidence of prosperity among us.

Dec. 16, '97.

FORT SASKATCHEWAN.

H. E. Thomson leaves by to-morrow morning's train for Toronto, much to the regret of his numerous friends in the neighborhood.

The mill here bought some wheat last week, and business improved accordingly. There is still plenty of wheat and oats throughout this district and we hope to see a buyer start business soon.

The trails are getting very bare in places and a little snow is badly needed.

Mr. Fane, of Beaver lake, was in here on Saturday.

The school trustees are on the look out for a teacher, first class, for the district; a bell is to be put in the school house and various other improvements. Mr. Martin we believe is going to the Partridge Hill school in place of Mr. Boyle, who is leaving that district.

No sport here this winter; we cannot even resuscitate the hunt club, foxes are too few.

Dec. 13, 12, '97.

POPLAR LAKE.

A Christmas tree, etc., will be held in the Episcopal church here, on the evening of Friday, 24th inst.

A Christmas tree for the school children will also be held soon, in the school, probably on Tuesday evening, 28th inst. Particulars later.

Mr. McCue, who has been laid up for some days, is around again.

T. G. Hutchings, Wm. Latimer and Herbert Hutchings are off to Beaver Creek with the Poplar Lake Threshing Co's machine. They have two months work there.

Rev. James Woodsworth, superintendent of Methodist missions for

Manitoba and Northwest, was to lecture on missions in the school house last Monday evening, but the storm prevented the meeting.

John Harrold, of Sturgeon, S. D., left on last Friday's train on a visit to his parents in Scotland.

Mr. Stewart, teacher of Sturgeon school, is hard at work preparing for his concert on the 23rd inst.

Rev. C. B. Freeman will preach in the school house on Sunday, the 19th. instant.

Sabbath school has been reorganized in the school. Mr. Gordon will be in attendance every alternate Sabbath, when the school will meet at 6 p. m., on other Sundays at 2:30.

Mrs. Whiteley's mother, who lives in Edmonton, is seriously ill.

Dec. 14, '97.

ANGUS RIDGE.

Master Walter Shantz, who was on the sick list, is regaining his usual health.

The glass registered 22° below zero this morning. Good healthy weather.

Several from this district will likely attend the entertainment and Xmas tree in Zion on the 24th inst. Santa will likely have some valuable presents as he is on his way from the Klondike.

The trustees have taken steps to erect a shed on the play ground for accommodation of horses. It will be a frame one.

John Angus is the guest of his brother, postmaster Angus.

The Sabbath school will be kept on during the winter.

The sound of the threshers is still heard in our midst. Finish before Christmas, boys.

POPLAR LAKE.

At a public meeting held last night in the school house. Mr. Kennedy occupied the chair. It was decided to hold a Xmas tree and social in the school house on Thursday, Dec. 30th. Canvassers were appointed to ask for subscriptions to furnish presents for the children of the district. The young people will decorate the school and the tree. Tea will consist of sandwiches and coffee and a program will be provided.

A skating rink is being made at the school house. It is to be hoped that all the children will indulge in this invigorating exercise.

A debating society is being talked of also, now. It will likely be organized after holidays.

Dec. 18, '97.

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